Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(1) Rs. 7,800.

(2) All.

(3) (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). Necessary enquiries were made and it was found that there was no immediate necessity for a Vaidyasala at the place.

(4) (a) Yes.

(b) The reports are placed on the Council Secretary's table.

The improvement of efficiency of the Village Panchayats.

404. **Mr. Poulo Mampilli.**—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it has come to any decision in the matter of improving the efficiency of the Village Panchayats ;

(b) if any decision has been come to, will the Government be pleased to state the nature of the decision ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) The question is not clear.

(b) No answer is called for in view of the reply to (a) above.

The extent of reclaimed lands in the first section of the Kunnamkattupati irrigation system.

405. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the extent of newly reclaimed lands in the first section under the Kunnamkattupati irrigation system for which *Neervara Karar* has been executed ;

(2) the extent for which no *karar* has been executed ;

(3) if they give water to the new reclamation in the first section, when water is distributed there alone, when the water in the river is below 4 inches from the crest of the anicut;

(4) if it was not possible to protect all the settled lands under the Kunnamkattupati anicut system during the recent drought, if water was refused to new reclamations?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) 42·26 acres.

(2) 8·62.

(3) Water is generally distributed according to the quantity available and according to the distribution rules.

(4) No.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Was not the Government bound by contract to give water to settled lands ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Provided there is water.

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Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—They gave water for the reclamation lands and no water was given to settled lands.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We have given water according to the rules now in force.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What are the rules?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I cannot give them now. I want notice.

A direct and short road from Kunnamkulam to Palanji.

406. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state at what stage at present is the proposal to connect by a direct and short road Kunnamkulam and Palanji, and to lay on the table the reports received by the Government from the officers who made enquiries about this and also their estimates, and to mention which is the proposal accepted by the Government.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The expenditure that might be necessary for opening the road has been ascertained. The Government do not consider that any public purpose will be served by placing the papers on the table. The Government's idea now is to take up the road from Vettikkadavu to Palanji for improvement as early as possible.

The admission of non-Hindu and non-Caste Hindu boys in to the Banerji Hostel.

407. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the experiment of admitting non-Hindu and non-Caste Hindu boys in the Banerji Hostel, Kunnamkulam, has proved to be a failure?

Mr. C. Matthai.—It is too early to pronounce a judgment.

The grant of Rs. 500 to the Y. W. C. A., Kunnamkulam.

408. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to inquire and state what was done with the sum of Rs. 500 given to Y. W. C. A. at Kunnamkulam by the Government referred to in the answer to question No. 85. of the budget session of 1101?

Mr. C. Matthai.—The amount was utilised towards the payment of the cost of the land purchased for the Association.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was this whole amount of Rs. 500 paid for the purchase of land? Is there no balance?

Mr. C. Matthai.—A large amount was spent in the purchase of land and the other small portion is for its improvements.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is done with the land? Is there any improvement made? Is any building put up?

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